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We will get started promptly at 1:00pm. Thank you for your participation!
Agenda

• Overview of Round 3 SICG
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Round 3 SICG
Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant
Webinar
Round 3 SICG Objectives

- **Improve collaboration** with first responder agencies among all levels of government
- **Expand consortium/regional partnerships** inclusive of multi-jurisdiction, multi-discipline, intergovernmental (State/local/NGO) stakeholders
- **Develop operating procedures** in counties, between counties and agencies
- **Implementation and use of National Interoperability Channels and State, Regional, Tribal and Local Mutual Aid channels**
Program Goals

1. Development and coordination of National Interoperability Channels, State, Regional, Tribal and Local mutual aid channels;
2. Development of interoperable communications infrastructure;
3. Development of governance and SOPs;
4. Development of statewide communications resources inventory (including continuous participation in CASM-Communications Assets Survey and Mapping tool) and Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan (TICP) development, update and utilization.
Funding and Award Distribution

• Available funding - $75 million
  – Large-scale systems and infrastructure
  – Expansion of consortiums, SOP development
  – Subsequent phases of projects previously supported

• Maximum award is $6 million per application

• Only one application per county
Eligibility

• Be a county government
• Be an active member of, or demonstrated a commitment to, a regional consortium
• Accessibility for other jurisdictions and levels of government
• Counties who have not achieved success with prior grant applications for Round 1 and Round 2 SICG
• NIMS compliant
• Only permissible costs in the application
• Timely submittal
• M/WBE and EEO Documentation
• Letter of Agreement for frequency utilization
• Establishment of single point of contact, i.e. Interoperability Coordinator on a County level
Grant Components

- **Component (a)** – Improve interoperable communications through developing, expanding or consolidating large-scale, regionally-focused LMR systems for public safety use among two or more counties supporting multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline, including State agencies. *(80-97%)*

- **Component (b)** – Improve governance structure, develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), strengthen training and exercise programs to promote efficient interregional communications, interoperability, cooperation and overall first responder readiness. *(3-20%)*

  *Application must contain both components.*
Grant Funding Distribution per Application

- Component (a): 80% - 97%
- Component (b): 3% - 20%
Permissible / Non-Permissible Costs

• **Permissible**
  – Equipment, infrastructure, technology
    • Subscriber equipment, only when such equipment is a part of the larger project
  – Planning, Administration, and Deployment

• **Non-Permissible Costs**
  – Proprietary technologies
  – Salaries
  – Projects benefiting only single organization or jurisdiction
  – Subscriber equipment, when such equipment is not a part of the larger project
  – Broadband
  – Debt service or local municipal bond funding
  – Unrelated to LMR expenses
Differences between Round 2 and Round 3

• 23 Counties are eligible to apply
• Eligibility Criteria includes additional requirements
  – Single point of contact, i.e. County Interoperability Coordinator
  – M/WBE and EEO Documentation
  – Letter of Agreement
• Permissible Costs are expanded to include PSAP call taking, processing, recording equipment and PSAP radio console equipment
M/WBE and EEO Documentation

The following M/WBE forms (Attachment 5 of the RFA) must be completed and submitted with all Round 3 SICG applications:

- The Local Assistance M/WBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan
- The Local Assistance M/WBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form. The information provided in this form is based on the potential M/WBE subcontractor/suppliers available. You can search the M/WBE directory at https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp?TN=ny&XID=4687 for certified M/WBE providers.

Please note: while these forms are not part of the scoring criteria, they are part of the eligibility criteria. Failure to include Attachment 5 forms with your application will result in disqualification of your application.
Application Content

• Tier I – General Eligibility Criteria ("yes" or "no")

• Tier II – Global Project Criteria

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How to Complete an Application

• General format of the application (Word-restricted for editing with form-filling allowed)
• Follow instructions, answer all applicable questions
• Application cover page by mail! (2 originals, signed)
• M/WBE, EEO and LOA by mail!
• Follow instructions to submit application and any attachments
• Recommendation: after e-mailing your application, send a follow-up e-mail without any attachments requesting an acknowledgment.
• Submit your application before deadline, September 30th!
References

• FAQs ([http://www.dhses.ny.gov/oiec/grants/](http://www.dhses.ny.gov/oiec/grants/))

• Technical Resources document provide most common acceptable standards

Process for Questions Related to Grant

• Questions received during comment period have been posted on the website.
Important Dates to Remember

- Submission of Written Questions – **August 12, 2013**
- Request for Applications Updates – **August 14, 2013**
- Applications Due – **September 30, 2013 by 5:00 P.M.**
- Notice of Award – **anticipated before the end of 2013 calendar year**
Reminders

• Answer all questions and fill-out all sections
• Mail paperwork containing original signatures
• E-mail your application and all applicable attachments, which marked as “Required”
• Send a separate e-mail requesting an acknowledgement after you e-mail an application and attachments
• Submit your application before deadline, September 30th!
Questions?